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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJ: ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR SUSPENDS BOTSWANA-ZAMBIA SEDRRRT

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1. GOB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE 17JUN, ZAMBIAN GOVT HAS SUSPENDED IMPORT OF BEEF FROM BOTSWANA WHICH HAD AVERAGED 100 TONS PER WEEK. ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR (AIA) WHICH HAS BEEN HAULING BEEF AND MINING EQUIP FROM BOTSWANA TO ZAMBIA HAS WITHDRAWN ITS HERCULES AIRCRAFT AND IS AWAITING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION (BMC) AND ZAMBIA COLD STORAGE BOARD (ZCSB) ON CONTRACT FOR BEEF SUPPLY WHICH WOULD BE AIR FREIGHTED TO ZAMBIA BY AIA. AIA ALSO REPORTEDLY SEEKING FIRM CONTRACTS FROM ZAMBIAN COMPANIES REGARDING SHIPMENT OF MINING EQUIP TO ZAMBIA.

2. GOB SPOKESMAN SAID REASONS FOR ZAMBIAN DECISION STOP IMPORTS BOTSWANA BEEF ARE HIGH OFFTAKE CATTLE FROM ZAMBIAN SOURCES AND PROBLEMS WITH ZAMBIAN COLD STORAGE FACILITIES. EMBASSY LEARNED AIA AND BMC SEEKING ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ZCSB IN ORDER RATIONALIZE BMC PRODUCTION AND AIA AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION.

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ZATION. ZAMBIANS REPORTEDLY UNABLE NEGOTIATE AT THIS TIME BE-

CAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN ZCSB AND ABSENCE SENIOR CRZ OFFICIALS AT OTHER CONFERENCES. HOWEVER, BMC OFFICIALS HOPEFUL THAT CONTRACT TO RESUME MEAT SHIPMENTS CAN BE NEGOTIATED BY EARLY JUL AS AIA HERCULES, CURRENTLY IN OMAN, COULD RETURN BY THAT DATE TO RESUME AIRLIFT.

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